



# Gunpowder Currents



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## Northern Central Railway

Once part of a railroad empire



**Ruxton Station:** A local passenger train rushes past Ruxton Station in the early 1900s.

Baltimore County Public Library

By Robert Bailey

One cannot help but notice the Torrey C. Brown Trail's railroad heritage. From its restored mile markers, whistle posts, and block signals, to the bridges, cuts, and fills, reminders of the trail's past are everywhere.

So, what is the story behind this abandoned railroad line? It's hard to imagine that this tranquil remnant of the past was once part of a railroad empire. It's also hard to imagine that this railroad was once a major north-south route—the I-83 of its time—connecting Baltimore with Upstate New York.

For most of its history, the Northern Central Railway (NCR) was part of the Pennsylvania Railroad—one of the most powerful corporations in American history. Stretching from New York and Washington to Chicago and St. Louis, the "Pennsy" carried more traffic than any other railroad in the U.S. Known as the "Standard Railroad of the World" the Pennsy was regarded as one of the best run railroads. Beginning in 1861, the NCR was a key piece of the Pennsy's empire.

The NCR originated as the Baltimore & Susquehanna Railroad in 1828. Baltimore businessmen hoped the B&S would increase their city's trade with southern Pennsylvania. The railroad reached Harrisburg in 1840, but it was hindered by poor management and no direct access to Baltimore Harbor.

The B&S went bankrupt in 1854, and was reorganized as the Northern Central Railway. When the railroad reached Sunbury, PA in

1858, it started transporting coal, making the railroad profitable. Three years later, the Pennsylvania Railroad purchased a large share of NCR stock. With the Pennsylvania Railroad's help, the NCR built a route to Baltimore Harbor, and extended its line north through Upstate New York.

At its peak, the NCR controlled a rail line from Baltimore's Canton waterfront to Sodus Point on Lake Ontario. Thanks to its connections with the Pennsylvania, the NCR was able to reach trade markets from Chicago to Manhattan to Washington. From the late-1800s through the early 1960s, the NCR hosted many of the Pennsylvania's passenger trains, including the famed *Liberty Limited*, as well as freights drawn from all over its system.

Better connections elsewhere, combined with damage from Tropical Storm Agnes in 1972, eventually compelled the Penn Central Railroad (successor to the Pennsy) to discontinue service on the NCR between York and Cockeysville in 1975.

The NCR had a large impact on the communities and businesses of Baltimore County. The NCR/Hereford Volunteer Association with help from the Chesapeake Bay Gateways Network has installed wayside panels along the trail highlighting the former communities. As you travel along the TCB Trail, take some time to stop and learn about the role the railroad played in shaping Baltimore County. Also, be sure to visit the Monkton Station.

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## News From Around Gunpowder Falls

### Battling the Elements:

Ice, snow and wind storms over the winter battered many of the park's trails and roads. Park staff quickly cleared snow and trees from the roads and parking lots, but reopening the trail system took time. Many thanks to our park volunteers and the park's Maryland Conservation Corps for getting the trails back open in time for spring.

### Partnering with Oregon Ridge:

Park management has worked to establish a partnership with Baltimore County's Oregon Ridge Nature Center to cross-promote interpretive programs. On February 12, the parks' combined staff led visitors on a scenic hike to identify sugar maples, tap a tree, and learn about making syrup from the sap.

### FOJM gain National Recognition:

Congratulations, Friends of Jerusalem Mill! As announced in an official letter from the White House, FOJM is now recognized as a Preserve America Steward. The Preserve America Program is a national initiative developed in cooperation with the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, the U.S. Department of Interior, and other agencies.

### Jerusalem Mill Barn Restoration Begins:

The FOJM have taken the first steps in restoring the circa 1810 bank barn. Volunteer Rick Decker installed sturdy supports for the lintels in the windows and doors, and volunteer Julie Van Campen lent her services and also donated about 40 linear feet of pressure treated 6x6s. Rick and Julie also took out 30 cow stanchions, which allowed access to remove trees and shrubs.

### CJC Returns this Summer

The Conservation Jobs Corps (formerly the

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# Summer Youth Programs

## JUNIOR RANGERS

The Junior Rangers program returns for the summer of 2011! Kids from 9-12 years old are invited to get outside, explore the park, discover nature, and learn about the environment through hands-on activities. We are offering three different locations this year, so no matter where you are there is a session convenient for you. Sign up soon because space is limited and you don't want to miss out on all the fun!



### Areas & Times:

**Days Cove:** June 21 - July 26  
Tuesdays, 10am - noon.

**Sparks/Monkton:** June 22 - July 27  
Wednesdays, 1 - 3pm.

**Hammerman:** June 23 - July 28  
Thursdays, 1 - 3pm.

## PARK PALS

Children ages 5-8 can join in the fun too! Park Pals are introduced to the outdoors through games, crafts and activities with a nature theme. This program gets our youngest visitors involved in the same topics as Junior Rangers, but with a more hands-on approach that's tailored to early childhood. It's perfect for the younger brothers and sisters of Junior Rangers!

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**Days Cove:** June 21 - July 26  
Tuesdays, 10am - noon.

**Sparks/Monkton:** June 22 - July 27  
Wednesdays, 1 - 3pm.

**Hammerman:** June 23 - July 28  
Thursdays, 1 - 3pm.

## SPROUTS

Children ages 2-4 and their parents can join in the fun also! Sprouts will be introduced to the outdoors through crafts, stories and activities with a nature theme. This program gets our youngest visitors involved in hands-on activities that enhance early childhood development. *All children must be accompanied by an adult. Sprouts are welcome to stay and play (supervised by parents!) while their older siblings complete their Junior Ranger or Park Pal sessions, 11-12pm or 2-3pm.*

### Areas & Times

**Days Cove:** June 21 - July 26  
Tuesdays, 10am - 11am.

**Hammerman:** June 23 - July 28  
Thursdays, 1 - 2pm.



## ONE-WEEK DAY CAMP

Want to participate in nature programs everyday for a week? Explore the park, discover nature and learn about the environment through hands-on activities. This camp is a two-hour, daily program for Junior Rangers, Park Pals and Sprouts!

**Week of August 8 - 12; 10 a.m. - noon, at Days Cove**



## SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAM DETAILS

**Service Charges:** \$25 per child for Junior Rangers or Park Pals; \$15 per Sprout. Take advantage of our great family rate! \$10 for each additional child from the same family!

**Requirements:** Children must attend four out of six sessions and complete required activities to earn their patch. Please plan family vacations and other activities accordingly.

**Registration:** To register, call 410-592-2897. Registration is limited to 20 children per Junior Ranger session, 15 per Park Pals session and 10 per Sprouts session. Early registration is recommended.

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Civic Justice Corps) will return to Gunpowder this summer. The CJC works in partnership with the Maryland Department of Juvenile Services and other youth-based urban organizations to provide conservation service opportunities for youth in Maryland State Parks. Keep an eye for improvements throughout the park during the summer.

## War of 1812 Plans Underway

With the anniversary of the Maryland phase of the War of 1812 a mere three years away, preparation for the war's bicentennial are being made at North Point State Park. Stop by the Visitor Center to learn more about North Point's role in the War of 1812.



Tired of high gas prices, traffic jams and airport delays? Simplify! Choose the Mill Pond Cottage for your next getaway, and leave your troubles behind. Located in the scenic Hereford Area of Gunpowder Falls State Park, the Cottage offers true peace and quiet in a private, streamside retreat.

The Mill Pond Cottage sleeps eight people, has a full kitchen, central air-conditioning and heat, wood-burning fireplace, screened-in porch and much more! Anglers will love the two-minute walk to one of the best trout fishing areas in the country. A mere thirty-minute drive from Baltimore can make you feel like you're a thousand miles away—without the travel hassles.

We'd love to help you plan your visit. Call **410-592-2897** for information, or request a full-color brochure.

Check us out on the web at:  
[www.dnr.state.md.us/publiclands/millpond.html](http://www.dnr.state.md.us/publiclands/millpond.html)

# Family Programs and Special Events

**PLEASE NOTE!** Some programs ask that you pre-register. If the program you are interested in requires pre-registration, please take a moment to **call the number listed** during regular business hours and let us know you are coming. This helps to ensure that your program will not be canceled. For park programs, children under 16 must be accompanied by an adult.



= Appropriate for Junior Rangers

## Bike Through History

Join us for this regular Wednesday evening program as we explore various segments of the TCB Trail. This ride is approximately 10 miles round-trip. Bring bikes, helmets and water. Bike lights are recommended. This is a shine only event.

DATE	TIME	LOCATION/MEETING PLACE
May 25	6:30-8:30pm	Paper Mill Road parking lot
June 1	6:30-8:30pm	Bentley Springs parking lot
June 8	6:30-8:30pm	White Hall parking lot
June 15	6:30-8:30pm	Paper Mill Road parking lot
June 22	6:30-8:30pm	Freeland parking lot
June 29	6:30-8:30pm	Sparks parking lot
July 6	6:30-8:30pm	Parkton parking lot
July 13	6:30-8:30pm	Phoenix parking lot

No registration necessary. Call: 410-472-3144 to check for cancellations due to inclement weather no later than 4:30 p.m. on the day of the ride. Donations welcome.



## Bird-Watching Walks

Join a park naturalist on an early morning walk in search of song birds and raptors. Insect repellent and sun block are recommended.

June 5	8-10am	Days Cove
June 12	8-10am	Hammerman
June 26	8-10am	Hereford
August 7	8-10am	Hammerman
August 14	8-10am	Days Cove
August 21	8-10am	Hereford

Pre-registration is required. Call: 410-592-2897. FREE!



## Campfire at the Beach

Bring your chairs or a picnic blanket and enjoy s'mores and other fire-roasted snacks on a warm summer night. The whole family can unwind after a busy work week and hear our naturalists share their knowledge of the natural and cultural resources in our park.

June 11 & 25, July 9 & 23, August 6 & 20	6:30-7:30pm	Hammerman Beach
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No registration necessary. Call: 410-592-2897. FREE!



## Campfire in the Woods

Bring your chairs or a picnic blanket and enjoy S'mores and other fire-roasted snacks on a warm summer night. The whole family can unwind after a busy work week and hear our naturalists share their knowledge of the natural and cultural resources in our park.

July 15	6:30-7:30pm	North Point State Park
July 30	6:30-7:30pm	Sparks Nature Center
August 12	6:30-7:30pm	Sparks Nature Center
August 27	6:30-7:30pm	North Point State Park

Pre-registration is required. Call: 410-592-2897.



## Clean Up: Earth Day

Attention volunteers! Come on down, help the park put its best foot forward, and join in our spring cleaning effort to clean up the entire area surrounding the parking lots, painting, assist with construction of stairway, installation of split rail fence, and general trail improvements. Tools, garbage bags, and materials supplied. Bring your work gloves, boots, and energy to help get the park ready for summer.

April 23	9am-noon	Belair Rd parking lot, Big Gunpowder River
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No registration necessary. Call: 410-329-6809 for more information.

## Canoeing: Sunset Paddle

Explore the scenic Days Cove area by canoe and experience the marshlands as they come alive with wildlife activity at dusk. Individuals must be at least 12 years old to participate in this 2.4 mile paddle.

June 12	6:30-8:30pm	Days Cove
August 19	6:30-8:30pm	Days Cove

Pre-registration is required. Call: 410-592-2897. Cost: \$8/person. Other dates available.

## Canoeing: Essentials of Canoeing

Day 1 at Days Cove, Day 2 on Gunpowder River. Join a park ranger on this fantastic two-day canoe program! On Day 1, you will learn the essentials of canoe safety and handling. On Day 2, put your training to use and canoe a section of the upper Gunpowder River in the Hereford Area. Participants must be reasonably fit and able to lift 25 lbs. Bring lunch, water shoes, bug repellent, and a bathing suit. Participants must be 8-years or older and each child must be accompanied by an adult.

June 4	9am-2pm	Days Cove
June 11	9am-2pm	Hereford

Pre-registration is required. Call: 410-592-2897. Cost: \$30/ person.



## Crafts: Flower Pressing

Youth age 6-12 are invited to join seasonal ranger Reusing and learn to make your own flower press, then take a hike in the woods to learn more about Days Cove's wildlife.

June 24	10am-noon	Days Cove
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Pre-registration is required. Call: 410-592-2897. Cost: \$3/person.



## Easter Egg Hunt

Children ages 3-12 can participate in an Easter Egg hunt and play games. Prizes are awarded and refreshments are sold. Children can also have their picture taken with the Easter Bunny.

April 16	starts at noon	North Point State Park
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Pre-registration is required. Call: 410-592-2897 or 410-477-0757. Cost: \$3/person.



## Fishing: Youth Fishing Derbies

Registration starts at 7:45 a.m. Catch and Release program. Derby starts at 8:30 a.m. with a casting contest at 11:30 p.m. Prizes, trophies, and certificates will be presented after the casting contest.

July 16	8am-noon	North Point State Park
September 10	8am-noon	North Point State Park

No registration necessary. Call: 410-477-0757 or 410-592-2897. Cost: \$3/ person.



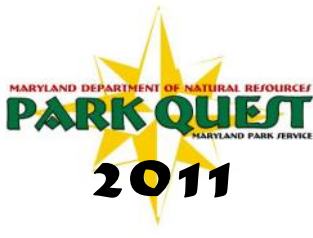
## Gardening: Do It Yourself Gardening

Ever wonder "Just what does it mean to be organic and does it really effect the environment?" Come out to the park and find out. Learn how to create a sustainable and low impact vegetable garden with the help of an enthusiastic park naturalist. You will have an opportunity to try your hand at preparing a garden onsite.

April 16	noon-2pm	Monkton Station
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Pre-registration is required. Call: 410-592-2897. Cost: \$3/person.





Park Quest is back for a second summer at Gunpowder. This year's quest will take place at Jerusalem Mill. Join in on the summer fun with your family! The September finale will also take place at Gunpowder! For more information, visit [www.dnr.state.md.us/parkquest](http://www.dnr.state.md.us/parkquest)

### Hike: Friday Evening Hikes

Relieve the stress of your week with a relaxing evening hike and explore park trails with a park ranger. All hikes will take up to two hours and you will need to dress appropriately as they are in varied and sometimes challenging terrain. Don't forget to bring water and a snack! These are shine only events.

**April 22 ..... 6-8pm ..... Belair Rd parking lot, Big Gunpowder River**  
**May 20 ..... 6-8pm ..... Bunker Hill Rd. parking lot**  
**June 17 ..... 6-8pm ..... Jerusalem Village parking lot**  
**July 15 ..... 6-8pm ..... Falls Rd. at Highland Trail parking lot**  
**August 19: ..... 6-8pm ..... Belair Rd parking lot, Little Gunpowder River**  
**September 23 ..... 6-8pm ..... Masemore Rd. parking lot, Gunpowder River**  
*No registration necessary. Call: 410-592-2897 to get information on cancellations or for directions. Hikes will be cancelled up to 24 hours in advance in case of bad weather. FREE!*

### Hike: Little Gunpowder

Meet at the Jerusalem Mill Parking Lot. Join a park ranger for a challenging but scenic hike along the Little Gunpowder River. Look for wildflowers and other wildlife as we explore what the river environment has to offer. Hike includes some steep terrain and is not suitable for young children. This is a shine only event.

**May 15 ..... 10am-2pm ..... Jerusalem Mill**  
*Pre-registration is required. Call: 410-592-2897 to register and to check for cancellations due to inclement weather. FREE!*

### Hike: Yoga Hike

Join us for a hike along the Sweathouse Trail. Take the opportunity to pause and take in the natural environment while you learn some yoga stretches along the way. Wear sturdy shoes as this will be a moderately difficult activity. This is a shine only event.

**June 5 ..... 11am-noon ..... Belair Road, Central Area**  
*Pre-registration is required. Call: 410-592-2897 to register and to check for cancellations due to inclement weather. FREE!*



### Jerusalem Mill Historic Village

**Visitor Center & Museum:** View artifacts and exhibits pertinent to the history of this early industrial village which is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Follow the efforts of the Friends of Jerusalem Mill in restoring the significant architecture of this colonial era settlement. **Weekends: 1-4pm**



**Village General Store:** The general store operated from the 1830s until 1940. Try a game of checkers by the potbellied stove in our 1930s room. See former store operator Samuel O. McCourtney's original furniture and other belongings. Learn about Confederate General Harry Gilmore's Raid of July 1864, and be sure to visit the Gift Shop. **1st weekend & every 3rd Sunday: 1-4pm.**

**Blacksmithing Demonstration:** Visit us to observe a blacksmith demonstrating both traditional and contemporary techniques in historic Jerusalem Village. **Sundays: 1-4pm.**

**Gunshop:** Visit us to observe the daily activities of 18th century village life: gardening, gunsmithing, hearth cooking, woodworking, etc.

**Sundays: 1-4pm.**

*Call: 410-877-3560. Donations welcome.*



### Jerusalem Mill: Gilmore's Raid

Civil War encampment and Confederate cavalry raid on Jerusalem Mill General Store. Military drills, period crafts and skills demonstrations, live music and other activities throughout the day. See website for details at [www.jerusalemmill.org](http://www.jerusalemmill.org).

**June 18 ..... 10am-4pm ..... Jerusalem Mill**

**June 19 ..... 11am-3pm ..... Jerusalem Mill**

*Call: 410-877-3560 for details. Cost: Non-Members: \$7.00, Members and Seniors: \$5.00, Children, ages 6-16: \$5.00, Children, age 5 and under: Free, Scouts, if in uniform with accompanying adult and/or family member: \$3.00 each, Families (2 adults with at least 3 children): \$25.00.*



### Jerusalem Mill: Summer Concert Series

The Friends of Jerusalem Mill invite you to join us the first Sunday of each month at **6 p.m.** along the banks of the Little Gunpowder. Bring your folding chair or blanket and picnic dinner, and enjoy a musical performance by one of a select group of regional performers. See website for details at [www.jerusalemmill.org](http://www.jerusalemmill.org).

**May 1 ..... Blue Stone Bluegrass.**

**June 5 ..... The Crowdaddies.**

**July 3 ..... Jericho Bridge.**

**August 7 ..... Great Train Robbery.**

**September 4 ..... Late Supper for Bluegrass.**

*Call: 410-877-3560. Cost: Non-Members: \$7.00, Members and Seniors: \$5.00, Children ages 13-16: \$5.00, Children 12 and under: Free. All concerts are held rain or shine. In the event of inclement weather, please call for alternate concert location.*



### Nature Photography Workshop

Join photographer Jim Stimpert for an introductory session on improving your photography. The workshop will cover the basic principles of photography, as well as using light to best advantage, composing an eye-catching photograph, lenses, metering, etc. We will begin with classroom instruction and then (weather permitting), move outside as a group to try out some of the techniques discussed. Bring your camera (SLR or compact) with you, as well as a tripod if you have one. Please join us for a fun and interesting learning opportunity in a beautiful location.



**April 30 ..... 9am-noon ..... Monkton Station**  
*Pre-registration is required. Call: 410-592-2897. Cost: \$3/person.*

### Mountain Biking 101

Join park staff and learn some of the basic skills needed for mountain and trail biking. Participants can expect to bike varied terrain over several miles. Bring bikes, helmets and water. Bike lights are recommended.

**June 15 ..... 6-8pm ..... Sweet Air**

**August 17 ..... 6-8pm ..... Sweet Air**

*Pre-registration is required. Cost: \$5/person. This trip may be cancelled due to weather; please check for cancellations by calling 410-592-2897 before noon on the day of the trip.*



### North Point Exploration

This area has so much to offer for nature and history lovers alike! Enjoy an interactive education program with one of our knowledgeable and enthusiastic naturalists. Topics vary every week.

**June 11 ..... 1-2pm ..... North Point Visitor Center**

**June 19 ..... 1-2pm ..... North Point Visitor Center**

**July 9 ..... 1-2pm ..... North Point Visitor Center**

**July 17 ..... 1-2pm ..... North Point Visitor Center**

**August 13 ..... 1-2pm ..... North Point Visitor Center**

**August 21, ..... 1-2pm ..... North Point Visitor Center**

*No registration necessary. Call: 410-477-0757. FREE!*



### Open Houses

Stop by to see some live animals and create a nature craft. Learn about the exciting programs coming up for the summer! All children under age 16 must be accompanied by an adult.

May 7 ..... 10am-2pm ..... **Monkton Station**  
 May 28 ..... 10am-2pm ..... **Monkton Station**  
 May 29 ..... 10am-2pm ..... **Monkton Station**  
 June 4 ..... 10am-2pm ..... **North Point Visitor Center**  
 August 6 ..... 10am-2pm ..... **Sparks Bank Nature Center**

No registration necessary. **FREE!**



### Owl Prowl/ Night Hike

Spend an evening hiking in and near the woods searching and listening for the hunters of the night. Learn about these amazing animals with hands-on activities during the program. Quiet is the key to a successful night hike; please plan accordingly when considering the participation of young children.

June 4 ..... 8-10pm ..... **North Point State Park**  
 July 2 ..... 8-10pm ..... **Hammerman**  
 August 13 ..... 8-10pm ..... **Days Cove**

Pre-registration is required. Call: 410-592-2897. Cost: \$2/person.



### Stream Searches/Aquatic Exploration

Youth age 6-12 will explore the stream and learn how to use a seine and dip nets. Collect and identify aquatic insects and learn their importance to the health of the stream. Wear clothes and shoes you can get wet and muddy. Bring sun block and insect repellent.

June 18 ..... 2-4pm ..... **Sparks Bank Nature Center**  
 July 10 ..... 2-4pm ..... **Sparks Bank Nature Center**  
 July 17 ..... 2-4pm ..... **Sparks Bank Nature Center**  
 August 7 ..... 2-4pm ..... **Sparks Bank Nature Center**  
 August 21 ..... 2-4pm ..... **Sparks Bank Nature Center**

Pre-registration is required. Call: 410-592-2897. Donations welcome.

2nd & 4th Saturdays in June, July and August

..... 2-4pm ..... **Hammerman, Ash parking lot**

No registration required. **FREE!**

### Trail Maintenance Days

Do you enjoy trails? Then pitch in and help park staff with trail maintenance projects throughout the spring and summer. Tools and training provided. Bring your work boots, gloves, and dress for the weather! Satisfaction guaranteed.

April 16 ..... 9am-12pm ..... **TBA**  
 May 14 ..... 9am-12pm ..... **TBA**  
 June 4 ..... 9am-12pm ..... **TBA**  
 July 16 ..... 9am-12pm ..... **TBA**  
 August 20 ..... 9am-12pm ..... **TBA**  
 September 24 ..... 9am-12pm ..... **TBA**

Pre-registration is required. Call 410-592-2897 for locations. **FREE!**

## All Maryland State Parks are Trash-Free

In order to promote and encourage recycling, reduction of waste and reuse of our resources, there are no trash barrels in our picnic and beach areas. This also helps protect wildlife from the hazards of getting into our trash. Park visitors are asked to take home what they bring in. Please pack your picnic in reusable containers and help us keep our parks clean.



**Remember to reduce, reuse  
and recycle! Thank you!**



## 2011 Torrey C. Brown Trail Photo Contest!

Take your camera with you next time you go for a hike on the Torrey C. Brown Trail and enter your photographs into our annual photo contest!



For a complete list of rules, please stop in the Monkton Station starting May 1, between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., Wednesday through Sunday. So get outside and get started capturing more great TCB Trail scenes!

A reception will be held at Monkton Station on September 2nd, 4-6pm. Winning photos will be on display during September. For more information, call 410-329-6809.

### Tubing Trips on the Big Gunpowder

Beat the summer heat with a leisurely tubing trip down the Big Gunpowder Falls. Meet at Monkton Station for a 1.8-mile hike up the TCB Trail. Then enjoy the two hour river float back to Monkton Station. Wear sun block, swimsuits or shorts and sturdy shoes that can get wet. Secure your car keys. Tubes and PFD's are provided. Please arrive early, as parking spaces are at a premium at this location. Participants must be at least 16 years old. This is a shine only event.

June 25 ..... 12-3pm ..... **Monkton**  
 July 9 ..... 12-3pm ..... **Monkton**  
 July 17 ..... 12-3pm ..... **Monkton**  
 July 30 ..... 12-3pm ..... **Monkton**  
 August 7 ..... 12-3pm ..... **Monkton**  
 August 20 ..... 12-3pm ..... **Monkton**  
 August 28 ..... 12-3pm ..... **Monkton**

Pre-registration is required. Cost: \$5/person. This trip may be cancelled due to weather; please check for cancellations by calling 410-472-3144 before noon on the day of the trip.



### Wandering Wildlife Exhibits

Keep an eye out as you visit the park! Naturalists will be moving through our busiest areas with live animals native to your area. You and your family may be lucky enough to meet with them!

**Memorial Day, and 1st, 3rd and 5th Saturdays in June, July and August** ..... **Hammerman/ North Point State Park**  
 No registration required. **FREE!**



### War of 1812 Lecture

Two notable authorities on Baltimore's role during the War of 1812, author and historian Christopher George and independent historian Robert Reyes, will address that topic during a one hour program. With the support of DNR, the Historical Society of Baltimore County offers this event in preparation for the bicentennial celebration of the War of 1812.

April 30 ..... 2-4pm ..... **North Point Visitor Center**  
 No registration necessary. Contact: HSBC at 410.666.1878 or info@hsbc.org. **FREE!**



### Wildflower Search: Mother's Day

Bring your Mom, or Moms bring your children, to accompany a park ranger as we seek out and identify wildflowers blooming along the Torrey C. Brown Trail.

May 8 ..... 2-4pm ..... **Monkton Station**  
 No registration required. Call: 410-592-2897. **FREE!**

## Volunteer Opportunities

With over 18,000 acres and 100 miles of trails, Gunpowder can use your help. Call the contact number listed or park headquarters at 410-592-2897, or email our Volunteer Coordinator Ranger Gardner at [ngardner@dnr.state.md.us](mailto:ngardner@dnr.state.md.us). Individuals and groups are encouraged to participate.

### All Volunteers Must:

- Have interest and enthusiasm for the outdoors and for maintaining the park.
- Display a pleasant attitude and interact well with others.
- Be able to follow instruction and use safety precautions.

### Cleanups

Gunpowder always has cleanup opportunities. We provide gloves and bags. Individuals and organized groups are welcome. Contact Ranger Gardner.

### Gardening

Gunpowder has several volunteer groups whose primary interest is maintaining the park's many gardens. Contact Ranger Cashell at 410-329-6809.

### Graham Equestrian Center

Interested in horses and volunteering? The Graham Equestrian Center is a non-profit group who promotes equine educational opportunities. Email [info@grahameq.org](mailto:info@grahameq.org) or call, 410-663-4445 for details, or visit [www.grahameq.org](http://www.grahameq.org).

### Living History

If you are interested in living history programs or renovating historic structures, contact the Friends of Jerusalem Mill at 410-877-3560 or at [www.jerusalemill.org](http://www.jerusalemill.org)

### Maintenance

Do you like to work outside and get your hands dirty? If you are a handyman or woman, volunteer maintenance may be the right fit for you. Contact Ranger Gardner.

### Volunteer Ranger

This program is for people ages 18 and older who want to assist the regular work force in state parks with operations, programs, and public service. Volunteers are trained and provided with uniforms once they complete 40 hours of volunteer service at a state park. A one-day orientation training helps rangers become acclimated to the state park service. Additional training opportunities may include CPR, first aid, search and rescue, and trail stewardship. As ambassadors of the state parks, Volunteer Rangers serve a vital role. Contact Ranger Gardner.

## Park Friends Groups

**Friends groups are an indispensable part of Gunpowder Falls State Park. Our friends groups are always looking for new membership. Please visit their websites or contact park headquarters for more information.**

### Friends of Jerusalem Mill

The Friends of Jerusalem Mill is a group which took the lead in the restoration of the 18th-century mill which now serves as park headquarters, and houses a Visitor Center and Museum. The Friends are currently working closely with DNR and Gunpowder Falls State Park to restore additional, recently acquired, properties which were also part of the historic Jerusalem Village. Visit their website: [www.jerusalemill.org](http://www.jerusalemill.org)

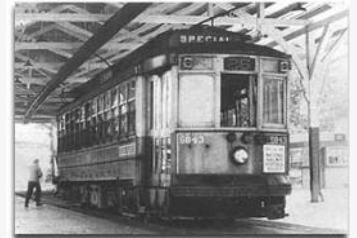


### NCR/Hereford Volunteer Association

The Northern Central Railroad Hereford Volunteers Association, Inc. concentrates its stewardship efforts along the old Northern Central Railway line now known as the Torrey C. Brown Rail Trail. NCR volunteers enhance the trail's historical aspects through renovating and restoring rail markers and signs, and by hosting throughout the summer guided "Bike Through History" rides. Thanks to a partnership with the Gunpowder Garden Club, the NCR volunteers maintain four Baywise Gardens at the Monkton Train Station. For more information, call 410-592-2897.

### North Point State Park Volunteers

A dynamic force at North Point State Park, the North Point Volunteers sponsor numerous activities throughout the year, including an Easter Egg Hunt, Earth Day clean-up, and the Youth Fishing Derby. Their volunteers have restored and continue to maintain the fountain that was a centerpiece of the old Bayshore Park. For more information, contact park headquarters or stop by the North Point Visitor Center during open hours, or visit their website at: [www.northpointstatepark.net](http://www.northpointstatepark.net)



## Gunpowder Currents: Subscribe Today!

Be the first to hear about park events! For a donation of \$10, you will receive the *Gunpowder Currents* for one year. This offer includes two issues of the *Currents*, and notices on other events too. Subscribers receive a \$1 discount on programs requiring pre-registration. To order, fill out this form and mail it with your payment (checks only please) to Gunpowder Falls State Park, P. O. Box 480, Kingsville, MD 21087.

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## GETTING AROUND GUNPOWDER...

**HAMMERMAN BEACH** - From I-95 take exit 67A for Route 43 east (White Marsh Boulevard). Follow 43 to Route 40 east. Turn right at the first light onto Ebenezer Road and follow it for 4.5 miles. The park entrance will be on your left.

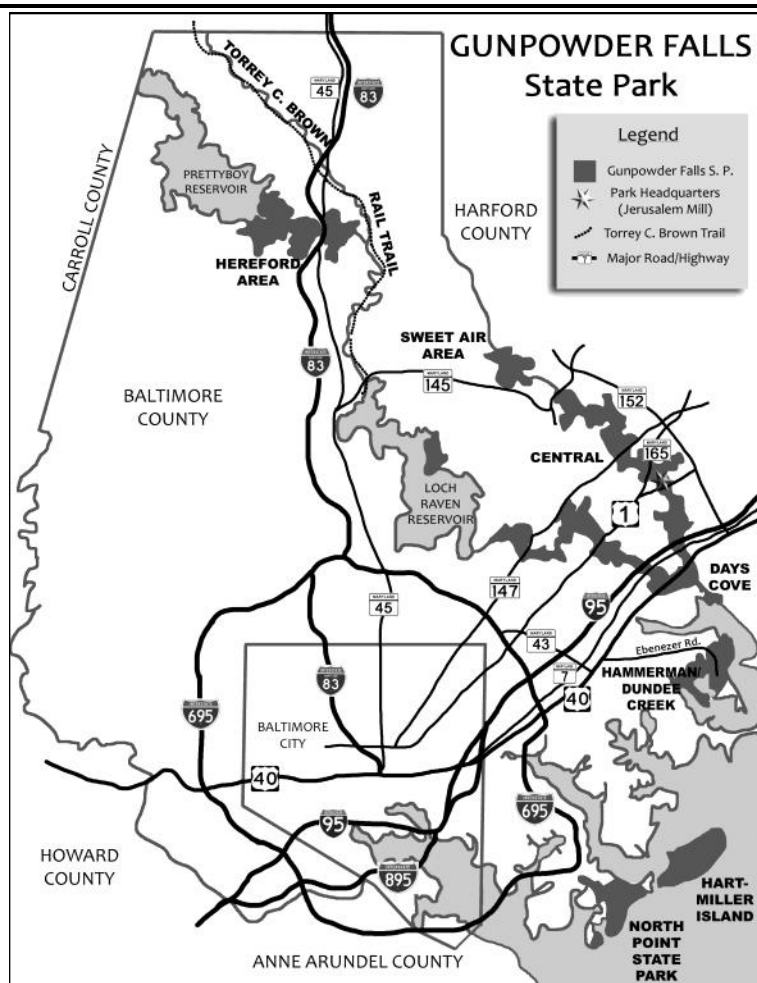
**JERUSALEM MILL (Park Headquarters)** - From I-95 take exit 74 for Route 152 West (Mountain Road). Follow Mountain Road toward Fallston and turn left onto Jerusalem Road. Jerusalem Mill will be on your left after 1.1 miles. Parking is in the lot on the right, just before the mill.

**MONKTON STATION** - From I-83 N, take exit 27 and turn right on Mt. Carmel Road. Turn right on York Road and make a quick left onto Monkton Road. Follow it until it crosses the Torrey C. Brown (formerly NCR) Rail Trail. Monkton Station will be on your left. Limited parking.

**NORTH POINT STATE PARK** - From I-695S take exit 42 (Edgemere - Fort Howard). Follow Route 20 south (North Point Road) through the town of Edgemere. The entrance to the park will be on your left after 2 miles. From I-695N take exit 43. Follow signs to Route 20 south.

**SPARKS BANK NATURE CENTER** - From I-83N take exit 24 (Belfast Road). Turn right onto Belfast Road. Turn right onto York Road (Route 45). Take your second left onto Sparks Road. Follow it until it crosses the Torrey C. Brown (formerly NCR) Rail Trail. Sparks Bank Nature Center will be on your right. Limited parking.

**DAYS COVE (by appointment only for educational programming purposes)** - From I-95 take exit 67A for Route 43 east (White Marsh Boulevard). Follow 43 to Route 40 east. Follow Route 40 for two miles, then turn right onto Days Cove Road. Follow Days Cove Road to the end. Look for the driveway to the far left (look for the sign) and follow the access road 1-mile until you reach the education center.



## PARK HOURS

<b>Park Headquarters</b> .....	Monday - Friday, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. Closed on state holidays
<b>Dundee Creek Marina, Launching Ramp</b> .....	March 1 – Memorial Day: 6:00 a.m. - Sunset Memorial Day – October: 5 a.m. - one hour after sunset. November 1 – November 30: 6 a.m. - Sunset
<b>Dundee Creek Marina, Store</b> .....	April hours vary: Call (410) 335-3461 for hours. May: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday, 6 a.m. - 2 p.m.; Weekends, 6 a.m. - 7 p.m. Memorial Day weekend - Labor Day: Monday - Tuesday, and Thursday: 5 a.m. – 5 p.m. Wednesday: Closed Friday, Weekends: 5 a.m. – 7 p.m. After Labor Day hours vary: Call (410) 335-3461 for hours.
<b>Hammerman, Day-Use Area</b> .....	April - October: 8 a.m. - Sunset November - March: 10 a.m. - Sunset
<b>Hammerman, Beach</b> .....	Guarded: Memorial Day weekend - Labor Day, Thursday - Sunday, 9 a.m. - 7 p.m. Unguarded at all other times—swim at your own risk. Lifeguard hours subject to change. Call (410) 335-3461 to confirm.
<b>Jerusalem Mill, Museum</b> .....	Weekends, 1 p.m. - 4 p.m. (or by appointment).
<b>Jerusalem Mill, Blacksmith &amp; Gun Shops</b> .....	Sundays, 1 p.m. - 4 p.m.
<b>Monkton Station</b> .....	Memorial Day weekend - Labor Day: Wednesday - Sunday, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. May and September: Weekends, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
<b>North Point, Day-Use Area</b> .....	8 a.m. - Sunset
<b>North Point, Visitor Center</b> .....	Memorial Day weekend - Labor Day: Wednesday - Sunday, 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.
<b>Sparks Bank Nature Center</b> .....	Open summer weekends and by appointment. Call 410-592-2897 for hours.
<b>Torrey C. Brown Trail and trails in undeveloped areas</b> .....	Sunrise - Sunset



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### NEED MORE INFORMATION?

Call Park Headquarters at 410-592-2897. Additional park regulations are posted on bulletin boards.

You can also visit the park website at:  
[www.dnr.state.md.us/publiclands/central/gunpowder.html](http://www.dnr.state.md.us/publiclands/central/gunpowder.html)

### MAPS AND DIRECTIONS

See Page 7 for a general park map and directions. Detailed maps of the Torrey C. Brown Trail, and Sweet Air and Hereford Areas of Gunpowder Falls State Park can be purchased at Park Headquarters, or by visiting the DNR website at [www.shopdnr.com](http://www.shopdnr.com).

### SERVICE CHARGES

Hammerman Area: a \$3 per-person service charge (\$4 for non-Maryland residents) is in effect from Memorial Day Weekend through Labor Day. Children in car seats, and patrons over age 62, are free. A \$3 per vehicle service charge (\$4 per out-of-state vehicles) is in effect the rest of the year.

North Point State Park: a \$3 per vehicle service charge (\$4 per out-of-state vehicles) is in effect year-round. Patrons over age 62, are free.

Access to most other areas of Gunpowder is free.

Season Passes for 2011 are available for \$75, and can be obtained at the Hammerman and North Point areas.

### TRASH-FREE PARKS

All Maryland State Parks are Trash-Free. Please take your trash home with you and remember to reduce, reuse & recycle.

### ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

Alcoholic beverages are not permitted in Gunpowder Falls State Park. The only exception is a reserved shelter when a \$35 alcohol permit is purchased. Call 888-432-CAMP or visit our website for more information.

### PETS

Pets **on leashes** are welcome in all areas of Gunpowder Falls State Park, except: Pets are prohibited in the Hammerman Area Beach Complex, in youth group camping areas, and where otherwise marked.

Pets are prohibited in designated areas of North Point from Memorial Day weekend to Labor Day.

### PAVILIONS

Gunpowder has four picnic pavilions in the Hammerman area. These may be reserved in advance. For reservation dates between April 1 and September 30, call 1-888-432-CAMP. Reservations for all other dates may be made at 410-592-2897. The service charge is \$200 for pavilion use, in addition to the park entry fee.

The North Point Trolley Station, which resembles a huge pavilion, is available for rental and seats up to 300 people. The service charge varies depending upon the number of people using the facility.

### BOATING

Dundee Creek Marina provides access to the northern Chesapeake Bay. Rental boats, gas, and a full line of boating accessories are available at the marina. The service charge for launching is \$10 per launch.

### OVERNIGHT CAMPING

Overnight camping is available at Camp Wood and Camp Cone for organized youth groups. Reservations required. Call 410-592-2897 for youth group camping.

Primitive campsites at Hart-Miller Island, accessible by private boat only, May 1 - Sept. 30. First come, first served. Service charge: \$6/site/night. Limit of 6 people per site.

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